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HEADING SMUGGLING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether petroleum products are being smuggled through the western coasts;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by the government to check the smuggling petroleum products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last 3 years, 18 persons have been arrested in this regard.

(c) All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to prevent and thwart attempts to smuggle Petroleum Products into the country through the Western coast.